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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(As of 2100)

1. As of 2100 it is reported that national police chief Despradel's 800-man force at Fortaleza Uzama (Southeast Santa Domingo) are in danger of being overrun by rebels. Despradel requested help, but the Dominican Air Force was unable to clear the area during daylight strafing runs. Despradel is reportedly trying to contact the US Marine contingent.

2. A radio in Caracas reports that Venezuelan Foreign Minister, Ignacio Inibarren Borges, has presented to the accredited embassies in Caracas a note of protest against landing of US Marines in the Dominican Republic. Contents of the note have not as yet been released.

3. Juan Bosch, in a telephone interview broadcast at 1730 hours by a Caracas radio, says he will return to the Dominican Republic "as soon as I am called by the constitutional command." As for the landing of the US Marines, Bosch held that it was "unnecessary" since there "has not been any sort of aggression against any North American citizen."

4.
the Dominican Communist Party (PSPD) claims to have suffered no casualties in the fighting which took place in downtown Santa Domingo on the afternoon of 29 April.

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5. US Marine landing difficult because of rough surf; it is not certain if all have yet been landed.

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